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SUBJECT: INFO NEEDED FOR VISAS FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL

REF: A. BELGRADE 3111 B. LONDON 87969 C. STATE 136287

1. REF B ASKED US SUPPORT YORK FAMILY VISA REQUEST SUBMITTED YUGO EMB LONDON JUNE 11. WHEN WE CALLED FSFA FIRST TIME, ON JUNE 26, THEY SAID APPLICATION BEING HELD PENDING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION WHETHER MR. YORK WOULD BE FILLING NEW POSITION OR OCCUPYING OLD ONE.
2. CONSUL ALSO CALLED GOOD CONTACT IN FSFA WHO PROMISED LOOK INTO MATTER. CONSUL INFORMED OFFICIAL THAT YORK WAS BEING ASSIGNED AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AS PRESUMABLY REFLECTED IN EMB LONDON NOTE TO YUGO EMB. NO MENTION WAS MADE WHETHER OR NOT NEW POSITION, NOR WHOM SPECIFICALLY YORK REPLACING.
3. LATER IN DAY EMB PERSONNEL OFFICE INFORMED BY FSFA THAT LONDON WAS BEING AUTHORIZED ISSUE YORK VISAS SINCE NOW HAD ENOUGH INFORMATION. WE LEARNED THAT YORKS RECEIVED VISAS JUNE 27.
4. MATIC OF US DESK TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 26 THAT WHILE HE HAD BEEN OUT OF DIRECT TOUCH WITH BILATERAL QUESTIONS RECENTLY HE BELIEVED THERE COULD BE NO REAL PROBLEM WITH VISA REQUESTS BY PROSPECTIVE AMEMBASSY PEOPLE. MATIC CLAIMED ONE MAN IN FSFA HANDLES ALL SUCH VISA REQUESTS; HE SIMPLY ASKS US DESK WHETHER VISA REQUEST IS FOR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING EMBASSY POSITION (AND DOES NOT NEED NAME OF

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MAN REPLACED) OR WHETHER IT IS FOR NEW POSITION. THERE IS

NEVER A DIFFICULTY IN EITHER CASE, MATIC STRESSED, SINCE THERE NOT ONLY IS NO LIMIT ON SIZE OF AMEMBASSY STAFF, YUGOSLAVS WOULD BE PLEASED SHOULD EMBASSY WISH TO INCREASE ITS COMPLEMENT.

5. COMMENT. OBVIOUS THAT STRBAC AND MATIC NOT FULLY COORDINATED ON FSFA VISA POLICY, BUT ONE EXPLANATION MIGHT BE THAT STRBAC POSITION REFLECTS CAUTIOUS APPROACH OF FED SEC FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS WHILE MATIC WAS GIVING POLICY VIEW OF US DESK IN FSFA. WE HOPEFUL THAT ISSUANCE OF POLANSKY AND YORK VISAS IS EVIDENCE THAT LATTER WILL PREVAIL.  
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